Cloud Computing

Building a Cloud-Based File Sharing Application on Google Cloud Platform

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1. Executive Summary

1. Goals:

1.1. I wanted to make a file management system on Google's cloud that's safe, works well, and can grow as needed. This system was meant to let us upload, download, keep, and manage files easily while making sure only the right people could get to them. Plus, I needed a way to handle old files smartly to save money and space.

2. Technologies Used:

- 2.1. Google Cloud Storage: This is where I kept all the files. It's like a big, secure storage room in the cloud.
- 2.2. Google Cloud Console: I used this to set up everything. It's like the control panel for my cloud setup.
- 2.3. Access Control: I set things up so that only people I chose could see or change the files, keeping things private.
- 2.4. Data Safety: I made sure that even if someone deleted a file by mistake, we could get it back for a week.
- 2.5. File Cleanup: I told the system to automatically move old files to a cheaper storage or delete them, which helps save money.

3. What I Got Done:

- 3.1. Made a storage spot called `sultans_second_bucket` that works in different places around the world so it's always there when we need it.
- 3.2. Set up rules so only my team can use this storage, keeping it safe from outsiders.
- 3.3. Added a feature where if you delete a file, you have seven days to bring it back if needed.
- 3.4. I told the system when to move old files to cheaper storage or when to get rid of them, which helps keep costs down.
- 3.5. In the end, I put together a file system that's strong, easy to look after, and follows good rules for keeping data safe and well-managed in the cloud.

2. Introduction

Cloud computing - part of Internet of Things (IoT) that allows customers to work on different systems without loading their own computer systems. Cloud Computing refers to the delivery of computing services—including servers, storage, databases, networking, software, analytics, intelligence, and more—over the Internet ("the cloud") to offer faster innovation, flexible resources, and economies of scale.

Developers can scale resources up or down instantly as application demand changes, which is particularly useful for startups or any business expecting variable traffic. Cloud Computing allows customers that don't have enough resources or money to spend on some Internet of thing aspect like operation, storage etc.

The reason why I have chosen Google Cloud Platform is because it has several features:

- 1. Free tier and Credits: Google Cloud Platform has 300 USD dollars free trial with several products and functions available.
- 2. System Customization: You can run a lot of different programs, projects and tools from a single command or operation page, that makes it better than other competitors.
- 3. Very simple design: there's no need to strain yourself for overviewing websites.

3. Project Objectives

- 1. Core services overview, such as Google Cloud Kubernetes, Compute Engine etc.
- 2. Deploying web applications inside a virtual machine.
- 3. Acknowledge new information about VPC and other privacy settings.
- 4. Storage Solution as a Cloud Bucket creation and testing.

4. Cloud Computing Overview

Principles:

- 1. On-Demand Self-Service: customers can self-provision computing capabilities like server time, network storage etc. as needed without human interaction.
- 2. Resource pooling: The provider's computing resource is a multi-tenant model, with different physical and virtual resources dynamically assigned according to consumer demand
- 3. Broad Network Access: Services are available over the network and accessed through standard mechanisms that promote use by diverse client platforms.
- 4. Measured Service: Cloud systems automatically control and optimize resource use by leveraging a metering capability at some level of abstraction appropriate to the type of service.
- 5. Rapid Elasticity: Capabilities can be elastically provisioned and released, in some cases automatically, to scale rapidly outward and inward commensurate with demand (javatpoint).

Key benefits:

- 1. Scalability: Developers can scale resources up or down instantly as application demand changes, which is particularly useful for startups or any business expecting variable traffic.
- 2. Cost Efficiency: It reduces the need for large capital expenditures in hardware, software, and the maintenance thereof, shifting costs to an operational expense model.
- 3. Innovation Speed: Developers can quickly set up environments to develop, test, and deploy applications, which accelerates product development cycles.
- 4. Global Reach: Applications can be deployed closer to users around the world, reducing latency and improving user experience.
- 5. Improved Security: Cloud providers invest heavily in security, offering advanced features that might be too costly or complex for individual companies to implement on their own.

Cloud deployment models:

IaaS: an infrastructure where all resources or applications run in the cloud. Developers are not responsible for the operation, storage, etc. in the cloud, while they are responsible for the operation of applications and so on.

SaaS: software that provides cloud-based applications that are available over the internet. Instead of installing and maintaining the software themselves, users can access it via a web browser, typically on a subscription basis.

PaaS: platform that manages all the hardware and software directly on the cloud, developers should write code and operate data on their own.

Taken from 1 midterm.

5. Google Cloud Platform: Core Services

Core Services Overview:

- 1. Compute Engine: I used this to run a server that manages the file operations like uploading and downloading through my application.
- 2. Cloud Storage: This is where I stored all the files for my project, making sure they were accessible and safe.
- 3. Identity and Access Management (IAM): I set up IAM to make sure only my team members and authorized systems could get to the files.
- 4. Cloud Monitoring: I set this up to check on how my file management system was performing, alerting me if there were any issues.
- 5. Cloud Deployment Manager: I didn't use this directly, but it's worth mentioning as it can help automate what I did manually for setting up my bucket and permissions.

- 6. Cloud SDK: I used these tools to manage my cloud storage from my own computer, making changes when needed.
- 7. Cloud Shell: I didn't use Cloud Shell much, but it's handy for quick management directly from the browser.

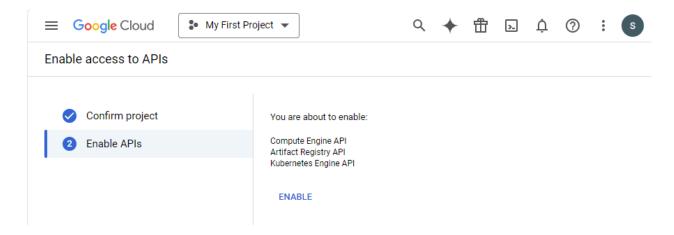
Service Selection:

- 1. Google Cloud Storage: I created a storage bucket called sultans_second_bucket to hold all the project files. I set rules for how long files stay, how they get archived, and how to recover deleted files.
- 2. Identity and Access Management (IAM): Configured IAM to lock down access so only my team could interact with the bucket, protecting the files from unauthorized access.
- 3. Cloud Monitoring: I set up monitoring to keep an eye on usage, performance, and any security alerts for my bucket.
- 4. Google Cloud Console: Used the console to create the bucket, set up all the access rules, lifecycle policies, and to monitor the system's health.

6. Virtual Machines in Google Cloud

• VM Setup:

1. I've opened a Google Cloud tutorial for deploying simple web applications. Let's enable required API and billing. Since all of APIs are successfully enabled and billing is working, let's return to project:



2. Activate and Configure Google Cloud Shell. In this step, I will activate Google Cloud Shell and create a new repository. Let's open GC Shell, this action opens a terminal session directly in the browser. Let's, ensure that project ID is set:

#export PROJECT ID=sublime-granite-438511-t5

Let's confirm that Project ID environment variable has the correct value:

```
#Echo $PROJECT ID
```

After configuring the project, let's create a new Docker repository for Docker images:

#gcloud config set project \$PROJECT ID

And now let's initialize a new repository for Docker images:

#gcloud artifacts repositories create hello-repo --repository-format=docker --location=us-west1

```
Welcome to Cloud Shell! Type "help" to get started.
Your Cloud Platform project in this session is set to sublime-granite-438511-t5.
Use "gcloud config set project [PROJECT ID]" to change to a different project.
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Your Cloud Platform project in this session is set to sublime-granite-438511-t5.
Use "gcloud config set project [PROJECT_ID]" to change to a different project.
jakh_sultan@cloudshell:~ (sublime-granite-438511-t5)$
Welcome to Cloud Shell! Type "help" to get started.
Your Cloud Platform project in this session is set to sublime-granite-438511-t5.
Use "gcloud config set project [PROJECT_ID]" to change to a different project.
jakh sultan@cloudshell:~ (sublime-granite-438511-t5)$ export PROJECT_ID=sublime-granite-438511-t5 jakh_sultan@cloudshell:~ (sublime-granite-438511-t5)$ echo $PROJECT_ID
sublime-granite-438511-t5
jakh sultan@cloudshell:~ (sublime-granite-438511-t5)$ gcloud config set project $PROJECT ID
Updated property [core/project].
jakh_sultan@cloudshell:~ (sublime-granite-438511-t5)$ gcloud artifacts repositories create hello-repo
    --repository-format=docker \
   --location=us-west1 \
   --description="Docker repository"
Create request issued for: [hello-repo]
```

3. In this step I will deploy a sample web application called hello-app. Let's download the hello-app source code and Dockerfile:

#git clone https://github.com/GoogleCloudPlatform/kubernetes-engine-samples

#Cd kubernetes-engine-samples/quickstarts/hello-app

And now let's build and tag the Docker image:

#docker build -t us-west1-docker.pkg.dev/\${PROJECT ID}/hello-repo/hello-app:v1.

4. Let's run #docker images command to verify that built operation was successful:

```
jakh_sultan@cloudshell:~/kubernetes-engine-samples/quickstarts/hello-app (sublime-granite-438511-t5)$ docker i mages

REPOSITORY

SIZE

us-westl-docker.pkg.dev/sublime-granite-438511-t5/hello-repo/hello-app v1 9247cb73e43e 41 seconds a go 28MB

jakh_sultan@cloudshell:~/kubernetes-engine-samples/quickstarts/hello-app (sublime-granite-438511-t5)$ []
```

5. Let's run an IAM policy that is binding to my GCP account. This command adds an IAM policy binding that grants the compute service account from my GCP project read-only access to the hello-repo Artifact Registry repository located in the us-west1 region.

6. Let's run the container, then confirm by clicking the Web Preview button. It maps port 8080 on the host to the same port in the container, allowing external access to the application running inside. The command encapsulates key Docker functionalities like port forwarding, automatic cleanup, and integration with cloud-based repositories:



7. Now I should upload the container image to a registry, that will let my GKE cluster download and run the container image. The #gcloud auth configure-docker us-west1-docker.pkg.dev command sets up Docker to authenticate with Google's Artifact Registry in the us-west1 region:

```
jakh_sultan@cloudshell:~/kubernetes-engine-samples/quickstarts/hello-app (sublime-granite-438511-t5)$ gcloud aut h configure-docker us-westl-docker.pkg.devev
warning: Your config file at [/home/jakh_sultan/.docker/config.json] contains these credential helper entries:
{
    "credHelpers": {
```

8. Since Docker image is stored in Artifact Registry, I should create a GKE cluster to run my hello-app application. Firstful i need to set region, this would be us-west1, then i will launch GKE Autopilot with name hello-cluster in us-west1:

```
jakh_sultan@cloudshell:~ (sublime-granite-438511-t5) $ gcloud config set compute/region us-west1
WARNING: Property Validation for compute/region was skipped.
Updated property [compute/region].
jakh_sultan@cloudshell:~ (sublime-granite-438511-t5) $ gcloud container clusters create-auto hello-cluster
Note: The Kubelet readonly port (10255) is now deprecated. Please update your workloads to use the recommended a
lternatives. See https://cloud.google.com/kubernetes-engine/docs/how-to/disable-kubelet-readonly-port for ways t
concert usage and for migration instructions.

GREOR: (gcloud.container.clusters.create-auto) ResponseError: code=403, message=Insufficient regional quota to s
atisfy request: resource "SSD_TOTAL_GB": request requires '100.0' and is short '50.0'. project has a quota of '2
50.0' with '50.0' available. View and manage quotas at https://console.cloud.google.com/iam-admin/quotas?usage=U
SED&project=sublime-granite-438511-t5. This command is authenticated as jakh.sultan@gmail.com which is the activ
e account specified by the [core/account] property.
```

• Application Deployment:

Since I have an error I will describe why it's happening and the reason why I cannot continue to do this task:

- 1. Insufficient Quota: The primary issue here is that my Google Cloud project sublime-granite-438511-t5 lacks sufficient quota for SSD storage in the region I've set (us-west1). The error states that I'am trying to use 100 GB of SSD storage, but only 50 GB is available out of a total quota of 250 GB, indicating I've already used 200 GB elsewhere in my project or region.
- 2. Resource Request: When creating an Autopilot cluster with gcloud container clusters create-auto, GKE automatically provisions resources, including SSD storage for node pools, based on default or specified configurations. My request exceeds the available quota for SSD storage.

```
gcloud container clusters create-auto hello-cluster
WARNING: Property validation for compute/region was skipped.
Updated property [compute/region].
Note: The Kubelet readonly port (10255) is now deprecated. Please update your workloads to use the recommended alternatives. See https://cloud.google.com/kubernetes-engine/docs/how-to/disable-kubelet-readonly-port for wa ys to check usage and for migration instructions.
ERROR: (gcloud.container.clusters.create-auto) ResponseError: code=403, message=Permission denied on 'location s/[us-central1]' (or it may not exist). This command is authenticated as jakh.sultan@gmail.com which is the ac tive account specified by the [core/account] property.
jakh_sultan@cloudshell:~/kubernetes-engine-samples/quickstarts/hello-app (sublime-granite-438511-t5)$
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7. Storage Solutions in Google Cloud

• Cloud Storage Implementation:

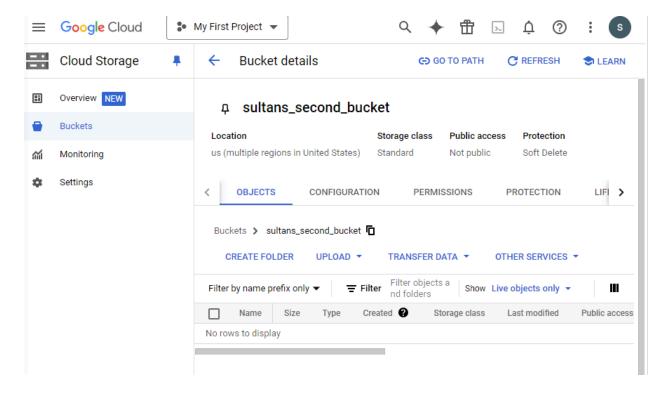
- 1. I set up a new storage spot on Google Cloud called 'sultans second bucket'.
- 2. I chose to put it in multiple places around the US for easier access.
- 3. I picked the regular storage option since I'll use these files a lot.
- 4. I made sure everyone in the bucket had the same access rules.
- 5. I also locked it down so strangers can't peek at the files.
- 6. When I want to add new files, I just use a simple command on my computer.
- 7. To get files back, I use another easy command.
- 8. Managing files, like seeing what's there or deleting stuff, is pretty straightforward.
- 9. I added my other Gmail as a viewer, so they can look but not change anything.
- 10. This way, my files are safe but still easy to get to when I need them.

• File Management System:

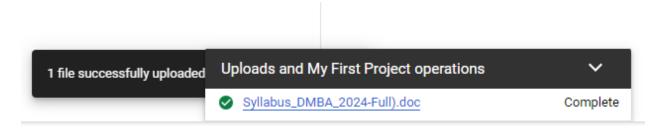
In this step, I established a new storage container in Google Cloud, named 'sultan_second_bucket'. This bucket was configured with several key settings to optimize for both functionality and security. Here's my bucket settings:

Google Cloud Storage Bucket: "sultans second bucket"

- Location: Multi-region in the United States (us).
- Storage Class: Standard (best for frequently accessed data).
- Access Control: Uniform, with Public access prevention enabled, ensuring that objects stored cannot be publicly accessed unless explicit permissions are granted.



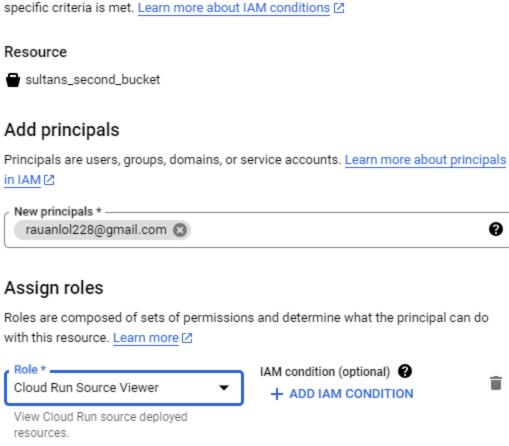
Uploading a simple file to Bucket. Now we can ensure that the bucket is correctly configured. This action confirms that I can successfully interact with the bucket, ensuring that the permissions, network settings, and bucket policies are working as expected.



To control access to your Google Cloud Storage bucket, start by defining what permissions are necessary for different users or services. I will add my second gmail account as a viewer role.

Grant access to "sultans_second_bucket"

Grant principals access to this resource and add roles to specify what actions the principals can take. Optionally, add conditions to grant access to principals only when a specific criteria is met. Learn more about IAM conditions 🗷



Here I can monitor or change the project lifecycle. I can update or add new rules for my bucket.

+ ADD ANOTHER ROLE

After you add or edit a rule, it may take up to 24 hours to take effect.

Select an action

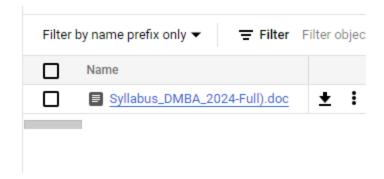
Set storage class to Nearline
 Best for backups and data accessed less than once a month
 Coldline and Archive objects will not be changed to Nearline.

 Set storage class to Coldline
 Best for disaster recovery and data accessed less than once a quarter
 Set storage class to Archive
 Best for long-term digital preservation of data accessed less than once a year
 Delete object
 Delete multi-part upload
 Sets a time limit and removes unfinished or idle multi-part uploads

Select object conditions



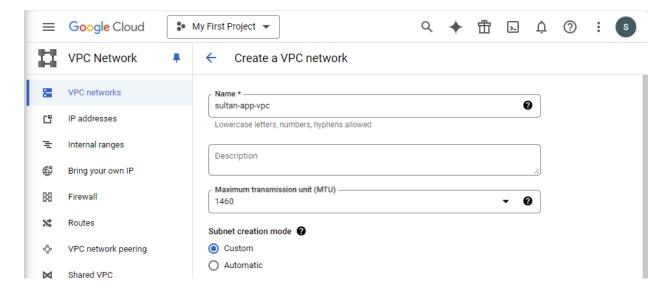
Since I've uploaded a file, I can download or let others download and then share this file. If my **sultans_second_bucket** contained more than one file, people could've used filters and other settings that would make their choice or search more comfortable. Same goes for deleting or editing files.



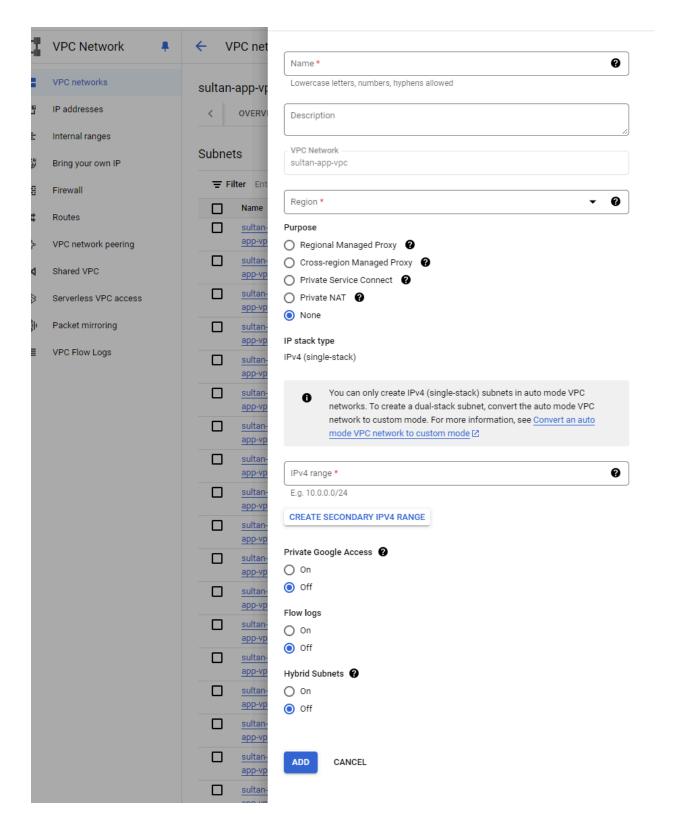
8. Networking in Google Cloud

• **VPC Creation**:

1. Let's begin with creating a new VPC network with the name *sultan-app-vpc*, automatic subnet, firewall rules currently without any changes and the rest of the settings set by default.

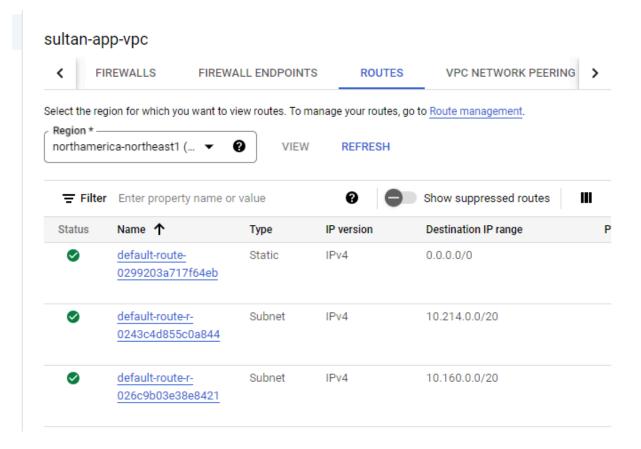


2. Here I am in the settings of my sultan-app-vpc network, where I will change or view the "Subnets" section. Since I didn't change any settings regarding subnets and allowed them to be automatic, I can still change this myself in the application. If I were a professional GCC user and I had a huge amount of money, I could choose any of them, the most suitable would be the one that is closest to my location.

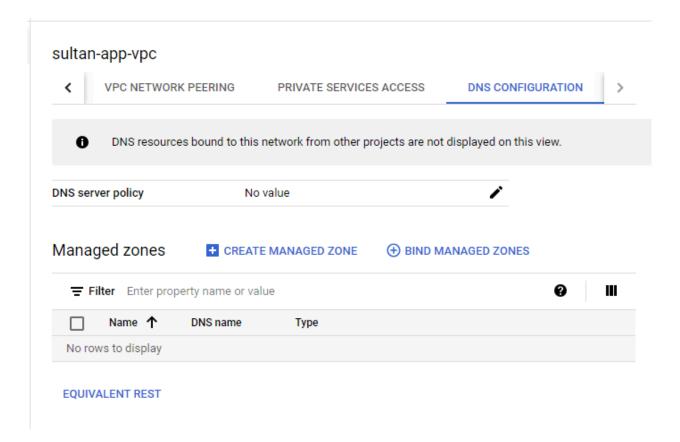


3. Next step would be observation of routing tables to control traffic flow between subnets. Let's assume that I manage a huge amount of subnets, routes will help me to define how to manage traffic between routes within one VPC. So I should

choose some region for example with the lowest CO2 outcomes or with lowest price. For example I've chosen NA and I can see some of the subnets with other settings that I manage here.



4. Let's move to DNS configuration. I am trying to figure out what it's for. I assume that via this function I will create a global domain like google.com inside the GC System that will let me make connections like server and internet and vice-versa.



• Networking Security:

1. Firewall Rules:

- 1.1. Purpose: They control who can talk to your machines and what kind of talks they can have (like web browsing or logging into servers).
- 1.2. Setup: You set rules to let in or keep out traffic. For example, allowing internet visitors to access your website but not your database.
- 1.3. Security: Only open the doors you need to, and keep them locked otherwise.

2. Load Balancing:

- 2.1. Why Use It: So your app can handle lots of visitors without crashing. It shares work among different servers.
- 2.2. Types: There's one for websites (HTTP(S)), one for other kinds of traffic, and one for inside your network only.
- 2.3. How It's Done: You set up rules about how traffic gets shared and make sure only healthy servers get work.

3. Key Points:

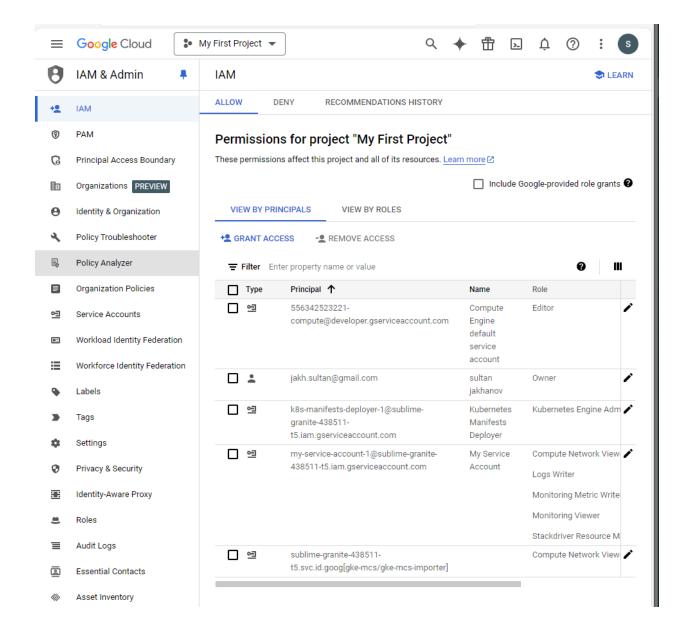
3.1. Keep It Secure: Use firewalls to protect and load balancers to hide where your servers actually are.

- 3.2. Efficiency: Load balancers help make sure your app runs smoothly no matter how many people are using it.
- 3.3. Check Often: Your setup might need changes as your app grows or threats change.

9. Identity and Security Management

1. IAM Implementation:

IAM - is a key system for my project, it will allow different people to cover different positions. Roles: These are like job titles. Each role comes with certain permissions, like "Viewer" can see stuff but not change it. Members: These are the people or services you give roles to. You can add your team members or even other systems. Permissions: These are the things roles let you do, like read, write, or delete files.



Security Measures:

2. Encryption:

- 2.1. Data at Rest: Your stored data gets locked up with encryption, meaning even if someone sneaks into your storage, they can't read the files without the key.
- 2.2. Data in Transit: When data moves around, it's sent through a secure tunnel (like SSL/TLS for web traffic), ensuring nobody can spy on it.

3. Access Controls:

3.1. Least Privilege: You only give people the access they need. If someone just needs to read reports, they don't get to edit them.

- 3.2. Two-Factor Authentication (2FA): Users have to prove who they are twice, like with a password and a code sent to their phone.
- 3.3. Audit Logs: Keeps track of who did what, so if something goes wrong, you can find out who was involved.

LEGAL & COMPLIANCE

TRANSPARENCY & CONTROL

Manage data processing

Manage how Google uses your organization's usage data.

PROJECT BILLING ACCOUNT

Manage data processing for the selected project.

Data processing groups ENABLE

DISABLE

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	AlloyDB	google.alloydb.cluster.PerformanceIn	DISABLE
	<u>BigQuery</u>	google.bigquery.capacityCommitmen	DISABLE
	Cloud Cost Recommendations	google.cloud.cost.GeneralInsight	DISABLE
	Cloud Deprecation Recommendations	google.cloud.deprecation.GeneralInsi	DISABLE
	Cloud Error Reporting	google.clouderrorreporting.lnsight	DISABLE
	Cloud Functions	google.cloudfunctions.Performancelr	DISABLE
	Cloud Manageability Recommendations	google.cloud.manageability.GeneralIr	DISABLE
	Cloud Performance Recommendations	google.cloud.performance.GeneralIns	DISABLE
	Cloud Reliability Recommendations	google.cloud.reliability.GeneralInsight	DISABLE

10. Testing and Quality Assurance

During all phases of this midterm, I used several approaches to check the quality of each clause of this project. Since I've finished math, I am unable to take unit tests.

- 1. I checked the website of my 'hello world' page.
- 2. Uploaded several files, deleted and viewed them.
- 3. Created a few new roles.

11. Monitoring and Maintenance

Same goes as the previous clause.

- 1. Google Cloud Console for real-time insights into application's performance. This includes checking instance statuses, network traffic, and load balancer health, etc.
- 2. Error Reporting If I've deployed applications, error reporting can be enabled to automatically collect and aggregate errors, providing insights into what might be going wrong.
- 3. Familiar friends support asked some developers if I wasn't able to detect my problem.

12. Challenges and Solutions

As a mathematician graduate I suffered several problems via code explanation, therefore, I did everything inside Google Cloud Console. I didn't face any significant problems during this midterm.

13. Conclusion

During this midterm I used all of my knowledge that I used in previous assignments and in lectures. I learned more about Data privacy and how to use Virtual Machines more securely. There's a need for continuous learning to keep pace with evolving cloud security and privacy practices. Overall I rate this midterm 10/10.

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Новая вкладка

15. Appendices

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